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## INFORMATION REPORT

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As of April 1954 farmers in the Poch'on-ni (N 37-55, E 126-00) (BS-370001) area in Hwanghae Province who had been unable to pay the grain tax<sup>1</sup> on their 1953 harvest, either purchased enough grain to pay the tax, or were dispossessed of their land. Those who lost their land usually remained in their home villages and attempted to live by peddling or begging. The authorities have stated that dispossessed farmers may regain farmland after an indefinite period of probation.

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1.   Comment. Although the North Korean government announced the policy of taxing the farmers 25 percent of the annual grain crop, taxes collected for the fall 1953 harvest amounted to 50 percent of the crop.

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